

JUDGES AND PASSES.

Literature of This Now Most Interesting Subject.

RAILROAD GAZETTE ON THE MATTER.

Says That Even United States Judges Ask for Passes—Eye Openers for the Public.

The Railroad Gazette has been allowed to peruse the applications for passes received by a railroad company not named. Here are a few specimens, the Mr. X referred to being the superintendent of the road in question.

A legal officer of the railroad says that when he was arranging for a certain case to come before a certain judge of the district court, the judge asked if he would not get a pass, which he (the judge) held, changed to include his wife. The lawyer says, "I could not do that, then say I would make this request, as we have another case to be brought before him next Wednesday." So the judge's pass was sent to Mr. X. "Without expressing my opinion of the man," we regret that that judge never had a chance to know what the lawyers and Mr. X thought of him. The judges are perhaps not the worst offenders, but it seems to us particularly odious that they should ask for passes. One who has lost his annual, writes for a trip pass. Two others, district judges, ask the local agent to procure trip passes for them. Another one, circuit judge, asks the United States deputy marshal to do this business for him.

Of course, public officers of high and low degree, appear incessantly in this batch of letters, governors of states and mayors of cities, councilmen and aldermen, county clerks and sheriffs, appear in the melancholy monotony. It would take too much room and be too tiresome to brief the letters from members of the houses of representatives and senators of the states, but these gentlemen ask with serene confidence for passes and something for strangers within their gates. One letter is from a prosecuting attorney in a western state. He says that he had asked for a pass a couple of months before and had received a printed blank saying "that in accordance with the policy of the company it could not be granted," or something like that. Concerning this he says, "No doubt you are greatly troubled for passes. I would send me a letter like that, with additional words that you would like my cooperation in carrying out this much-needed reform, and refusing to grant me the pass, is rather presumptuous, for I have daily to grant favors of the law of a great state to the most worthy of men. I am all too liable to state prosecution for running trains over public streets in towns and cities, and in other ways. You give passes to judges whose salaries are much larger than mine, and my pay depends on the number of successful prosecutions that I procure, as it concerns my fees," and more to the same effect. This impudent letter is endorsed "declined," we are glad to see. We fear that few railroad superintendents would have had enough backbone to refuse the request of the roughish prosecuting attorney. The deputy attorney general of a western state, who is going to get married, would like a pass for himself and wife, and adds that he will feel under many obligations. This request was declined.

A former speaker of the national house of representatives asks for passes for his wife, his wife's sister and her cousin. The lieutenant governor of a state asks for an annual and says: "In appointing my committee I have favored the railroads, believing that the interests of the state demanded it." Probably they did demand it, but what a commentary on the sense of public duty in high office this lieutenant governor's request is. A member of the house of representatives of another state asks for an annual, saying that he is aware that the constitution of the state interdicts the granting of passes, but various railroads have given passes to his "legal brothers" as attorneys, so he seems to think that the law can be neatly evaded and the petty fraud committed upon his constituents, and he keep out of jail.

A particularly persistent fellow is the speaker of the house of representatives of a western state. He has received the superintendent's letter saying that he is not authorized to grant passes to members of the legislature except while the legislature is in session, but he explains that he is the speaker of the house and therefore expects and receives special privileges, and has in fact received annual passes from all the other railroads from which he has asked them. We do not know what his luck was, but knowing our friend we suspect that the persistent speaker had to pay his own fare during the vacation.

The chairman of a state political campaign committee modestly asks passes for a period covering the campaign for 21 persons, in order that they may make a thorough canvass of the state. He says: "Although the laws of our party may not fully accord with your own, it is very certain that in the event of success we may be able to do you some substantial favors." A man writes from the hall of representatives of the state and says that he has been asked much to defeat bills pending in the road and would like an annual. A member of the house, writing concerning this man, says that he is not a member, but a lobbyist, and that he knows of his having done nothing whatever of any value for the road in question. An official of a state's prison expresses obligation for the superintendent's unexampled generosity in complying with his request for a half-fare pass, and adds: "Should it ever fall in my way to do you a favor, I shall certainly improve the opportunity." Mr. X attaches to this letter an elegant wood cut of the prison which he might suggest the sort of favor that he might expect. Of course, the chief of police asks for a pass, and so does the fire marshal for himself, and from time to time for various men in the fire department. Why a railroad company should not get police and fire protection without being laid under special tribute we do not quite see.

One obnoxious letter is from the editor of the agricultural columns of an important provincial paper. He had received a printed circular replying to his request for a trip pass and replying that the pass cannot be sent. He has for a great many years been connected with the agricultural press and does more than any one man to increase agricultural production, by which the railroads live, and now this insignificant request for a trip pass for 900 miles and return is declined. With

burning indignation he replies: "Very well; the day is past when railroads shall rule the world. The privileges and bonuses and royalties that heretofore have been asked and received are things of the past, never again to be repeated." What this terrible and editor did to the railroads nothing in the correspondence before us reveals.

Political Notes.
E. B. Whaley occupied a front seat at the Populist league meeting last night. There will be a Republican meeting at Mission Center next Thursday evening. Col. J. W. F. Hughes is helping to organize the Republican torch light club. Secretary of State Osborn will speak at a Populist meeting in Tennessee on Monday night.

John J. Lagalle spoke about an hour and a half at the Wakarusa picnic yesterday afternoon. Governor Leavelle is to do his September campaigning in the fifth congressional district. From Jerry Simpson's present appearance he won't be able to wear socks when congress meets again. Dr. Agnes McKee Wallace will speak before the First ward Republican club Monday evening, September 10.

Albert Griffin, who a few short weeks ago was being advertised to speak at Populist meetings, now says he has no use for the Populists and will vote the Republican ticket.

The few people who believe the talk about the bad management of the asylum by Dr. McCaskey is "campaign material" should go out there and make a personal investigation of the rottenness of the institution.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Potatoes will be scarce this winter. The man with the bills has full sway today.

Burglars even rob policemen in Topeka.

Topeka now has a stock theater company.

Grapes are now selling for 25 cents a basket. The mattresses at the city jail have been cleaned.

All those distinguished looking men in town today are ministers.

There is a Delmarie Glee club in the southern part of the county.

The Topeka Y. M. C. A. now proposes to organize a football team.

There is some dangerous sidewalk on Kansas avenue, near Eighth street.

The Richland creamery uses about 1,000 pounds of milk every morning.

Capt. J. G. Waters is going to write a serial story for the Nixa Topeka Mail.

The weather prophets promise a rain storm for September 3, and that is Labor Day.

The street sweeper scraped the dirt off the high places in North Topeka last night.

Topeka will send her usual number of young men to the state university next week.

The new Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes for the coming season will be organized Monday.

The board of education will meet next Wednesday evening, Monday being Labor Day.

M. A. Low, general attorney of the Rock Island, is making a western trip in a special car.

Councilman Frank Stevens says he proposes to stay by the bicycle ordinance until it goes through.

The man who rings the dinner gong at the Santa Fe depot calls "dinner" in a voice like a cello.

Helen M. Johnson, of Pennsylvania, who is making Populist addresses in Kansas, is a farmer's wife.

Pottier's baby is a very pretty auburn-haired little girl. It dances at the Eunice Goodrich performances.

The Friday evening concert at Garfield park are better attended than the Sunday afternoon ones.

Twenty members of the Modoc club will sing at the big G. A. R. reunion at Baxter Springs next week.

The state board of public works will attend the dedication of the new state normal building at Emporia on Monday.

Justice of the Peace F. M. Grover, the blind man, will deliver a temperance lecture at Elevation M. E. church tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Lee Jones' horse, "Copa," which was stolen, was found yesterday afternoon six miles west of town. He had been ridden that far and abandoned.

Marshall's band played almost an entire comic opera last night, with railroad trains and dinner bells in it. It was a fantastic called "From Dawn to Twilight."

Enough seats have been arranged for Rock Island Day session tomorrow to accommodate fully 5,000 people. The sermon will be preached at 8 p. m. at Garfield park.

Councilman M. C. Holman who returned this week from Colorado, made a list of all his friends and acquaintances whose names he found carved on Grand View Rock, above Manitou.

"Is Haverly going to stop here?" asked a man of a hotel clerk this morning.

"Who's Haverly?" "Haverly's Minstrels." "Don't know. What house does he travel for?" said the clerk.

Jerry Simpson went through town yesterday. The JOURNAL had a column and a half interview with him. No other paper knew he was here. The JOURNAL is the only newspaper in town.

Jonathan Thomas now owns ten lumber yards. This week he purchased one at Perry and now has yards at Madison, Rose Hill, Perry, America, Emporia, Rossville, St. Mary's Belvue, Topeka and North Topeka.

All the Sunday school superintendents of the city have been invited to meet at the Y. M. C. A. rooms tomorrow afternoon to arrange for a canvass of the city to ascertain how many children don't attend Sunday school.

817.05.
Denver and Return, Santa Fe Route. Tickets sold September 1, 2 and 3, good to return including September 16, and good to stop off at any point between Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver, inclusive.

People with hair that is continually falling out, or those that are bald, can stop the falling, and get a good growth of hair by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

Try Topeka Drug Co.
Under Opera House, for a good smoke.

Olaf Ekberg.
The new Merchant Tailor. Try him. 716 Kansas ave.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

Miss Gertrude Johnson entertained the members of her Sunday school class Thursday afternoon at her home in Potwin Place. These partaking of the many enjoyments of the afternoon were Misses Gertrude Lewis, Olive Sharum, Josie Overton, Margery Mullin, Tillie Gray, Allie Whitmore, May Coulter, Mattie Harlan, Anna Johnson, Fannie Ballew, Nellie Bronston and Ida Barnes.

The following went down to Kansas City yesterday to attend the Eastern Star picnic at Washington park: Mr. and Mrs. Will Chaffee, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Darby, Mrs. J. P. Farasworth, Mrs. W. L. Gordon, Mrs. J. Keener, Mrs. C. H. King and daughter Birdie, James Ramsey and daughter Ella, Mrs. J. P. Rodgers, Mrs. John Ellison and Mrs. Baum of Salt Lake City.

C. B. Merriam left yesterday for Eureka.

Miss Daisy Smith and sister, Mrs. DeNore of Oskaloosa returned yesterday from Colorado.

Miss Mattie Whaley has returned from a short visit to Emporia.

Mr. John R. Price returned from a trip to New Mexico and Colorado.

Mr. Dan Cain left yesterday for a two weeks visit in Minnesota.

Mrs. C. H. King and daughter Birdie have returned from Colorado.

Mary Snyder will leave soon for Texas to spend the winter with relatives.

Mrs. G. S. Truesdell has returned from Holton where for ten days she attended the sick bed of her deceased sister, Mrs. Maggie Calcutt, formerly of Helena, Montana.

Miss Mattie Knox has accepted a position as vocal instructor in Columbia Female college, Columbia, S. C., and leaves for that city in a few weeks.

Mr. Luther Bright, son of Rev. J. A. Bright, will leave next week for Atchison, where he will enter Midland college.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Watson will leave next week for an extended trip.

Miss Belcher and Miss Edna Lakin went to Kansas City yesterday.

Miss Margaret Bear entertained a few friends last evening.

Miss Grace Jilson returned from Colorado this week.

Miss Anna Kaczynski of California is visiting Mr. Vincent Kaczynski in Potwin Place.

Miss Jessie Thompson has returned to her home in Illinois after a visit with Miss Baird.

Miss Maggie Boyle will take a short vacation next week from Warren Crosby's.

Harry White, Fred Dennis and Harry White will ride to Lawrence on wheels Monday.

Will Adams returned yesterday from a short business trip to Kansas City.

Adolph Langfeldt returned from Colorado today.

Henry Dodge of Marion is visiting with friends in the city.

Mrs. Lee Jones and Mrs. Ransom leave tomorrow for Colorado.

Guy Adams returned from Colorado Springs yesterday.

Miss May Gordon will leave next week for Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parsons are here for a few days from Lyndon.

Carrie Harper will leave Monday for Glenwood Springs.

Geo. W. Herbold, formerly of Topeka, but now of Kansas City, has taken a position with Warren Crosby, and will return here Monday.

C. S. Kennedy of 725 Topeka avenue, is very ill.

Miss May Dallas of Washington, D. C., who has been visiting friends in the city, leaves Monday to spend a week at Denver.

John E. Winn was up from Kansas City yesterday.

Mrs. W. L. Gordon and son, Walter are spending a few days in Kansas City.

Mrs. Geo. Gearhart is very ill at her home in Potwin.

Mrs. Janette Snow of Ottawa is the guest of Mrs. R. C. Bradshaw, 1283 Mulvane street, for a few days.

Mrs. H. D. Wells and daughter Esther, and Mrs. J. Strauss and daughter Carrie, who have been visiting their mother, Mrs. S. Hahn for the past eight weeks, have returned to their home in Newton, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Sharp will leave for the east next week to spend several weeks at home.

Miss Edith Robinson who has been visiting Miss Edna Hazen has returned to her home near Bethel, Kansas.

The Imperial party at Vinewood last evening was given for Misses Mame Atchison of Leavenworth, Lizzie Chapman of Oakland, California, and Marie Price of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. John Frost, son Alfred and daughter Florence, left yesterday for Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Frank Manspeaker and children will leave for home in Beatrice, Neb., next week after an extended visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Jewell.

Dr. Wasson spent yesterday at Lake View.

Miss Lillian Tefft will return from Colorado next week accompanied by Mr. Frank and Miss Del Heizer.

Misses Anna and Kittie Seiler will leave today for Wamego.

Misses Mary and Lillian White have returned from Illinois.

Mr. Thomas Coughlin left today for Denver to spend ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Whiting, are visiting their parents in the city.

Born.
A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McInnes, Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. McInnes were formerly residents of Topeka, but are now at Kansas City.

Carpenters' Attention.
All the carpenters in the city are requested to take part in the parade Labor Day. Meet at Laid's shop on West Eighth street at 9 a. m. Aprons will be furnished. Come.

M. A. Ford's Business College.
601 Topeka avenue, will reopen September 17 at 9 a. m. We guarantee the lowest rates of tuition, the best teaching talent, the best course of instruction in the city or state. Our text books received the award at the World's Fair. \$20 saved on tuition is worth looking after.

\$20 saved on tuition by attending Ford's Business College, 601 Topeka ave.

Knights of Labor Temple No. 6.
You are earnestly requested to meet at the hall this evening, September 1st, to make arrangements for the funeral of our deceased brother, Henry Pollitt. By order of A. BARTON, C. S.

\$20 saved on tuition by attending Ford's Business College, 601 Topeka ave.

NO NEW BRIDGE NOW.

The Council Will Probably Put \$3,600 in Repairs

ON THE KANSAS AVENUE BRIDGE.

There Will Be No Change in the Bicycle Ordinance Just Now—New Scavenger Ordinance to Be Considered.

The council will take up that old and well worn subject, the Kansas avenue bridge—at its regular meeting on Monday evening.

Something will have to be done with the bridge and done soon. The intention of making an attempt to build a new bridge has been abandoned and the old structure will swallow up a few thousand dollars more in repairs.

The floor is almost totally worn out and the planks are hardly more than an inch thick in any place. Not a night passes, but that the street commissioner is compelled to put in new planks. He has met an obstacle in his work in the fact that the stringers are giving out and will not hold spikes.

The street commissioner uses nine inch spikes to fasten the new planks, and even then in many instances the stringer will not hold the spike.

A new floor for the bridge would do little good without new stringers, and some action will be taken by the council to provide both a new floor and new stringers. This will cost the city \$3,600 and would probably put the bridge in such a shape that no more repairs will be needed until a new bridge can be built.

Councilman Bradford thinks that something must be done to strengthen the superstructure and destroy the oscillating motion when wagons pass over the bridge. Mr. Bradford suggests that a row of piles be driven between each set of planks. He says that the cost would only be a few hundred dollars, and that there would no longer be any danger of the bridge falling with these supports put in place.

The members of the council are in favor of making any necessary repairs, but the condition of the city finances will not permit a heavy expenditure.

NO REPORT ON BICYCLES.

Committee on Streets and Walks Will Not Act on the Bicycle Ordinance.

The bicycle ordinance is worrying some of the members of the council. It seems that the impression is general that the ordinance is too severe in its provisions, and that it would never be enforced if adopted.

The registration clause is causing the greatest opposition. It provides that every bicyclist must register with the city clerk and receive a tag to fasten to the wheel. The object is to assist in the identification of the owner in case of an accident and to identify the wheel if stolen.

One of the councilmen said that it would be just as sensible to require every motor car owner to register. The ordinance will not pass. Councilman Stephenson thinks that the ordinance now in force to prevent riders from using the sidewalks is all that is necessary.

The ordinance was referred to the committee on streets, and the committee will not particularly report on it. They held a meeting and concluded to refer the ordinance back to the council without a recommendation.

There is one matter that the council ought to include in a new ordinance, if one is adopted, and a new one is bound to be adopted sooner or later, and that is that no bicyclist shall go faster than eight miles an hour within the city limits. It is because of racing and "speeding" that people are run down and injured in the streets. The council can not afford to neglect this matter.

THE SCAVENGER ORDINANCE.

A New Ordinance Will Be Considered, and There Will Be a Fight.

Since Judge Hazen has decided that the scavenger ordinance is not operative until next May, the question of repealing the ordinance, and enacting a new one, has been the talk among the members of the city council. It would only be necessary to change the first clause of the old ordinance.

Any one who to adopt a new ordinance will be bitterly fought in the council. Several of the members are now opposed to giving the mayor the option as to the number of scavengers. Councilman Stephenson of the Second ward will lead the fight. He now thinks that the number of city scavengers should not be fixed, but that any one who has the necessary license and has the prescribed sanitary apparatus should be allowed to work.

"THREE BIG SHOWS"

At the Muse Theater Next Week Are Promised.

The manager of the Topeka Theater and Muse says that a mistake in booking attractions is responsible for so much talent being exhibited there next week.

Manager Lawler will present each day at 2, and each night at 7:30, the following companies for one price of admission: First, the Crawford Stock Co.; second, the Nippon Japanese troupe. The Japanese troupe consists of Japanese jugglers, acrobats, magicians, top spinners, sword walkers, etc., etc. Doherty and Dyer will introduce their funny burlesque skating act.

Haverly's Minstrels.
One of the best minstrel companies in the country is here today; namely Haverly's. They have an extensive list of celebrities which include such artists as Burt Shepard, Harry Budworth, Alf Gibson, Harry Armstrong, E. M. Kane, etc.

For Over Fifty Years
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for teething. It soothes, softens the gums, allays pain, cures colic. Best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

Labor Day Vinewood Park celebration.
Prof. Jackson's Military Band, Races, Perilous Mid-air feats, Performing Animals, exciting Balloon Races. At night a grand Illuminated Concert and Living Pictures. Admission 10c.

T. P. Culler, general agent for the Famous "Kimball" Pianos, has just sold a fine "Kimball" Cabinet Grand to Miss A. Josephine Fraser, No. 200 Western avenue. Miss Fraser is a graduate and Diamond Medalist of Campbell Musical college.

Good work done by the Peerless.

WINTER FUEL.

For a short time, in order to make room for our winter's make, the Gas Company will deliver coke at the following greatly reduced rate, viz: Lump coke at \$4.00 per ton of fifty bushels, and crushed coke at \$5.00 per ton. As to the value of this coke, especially for furnaces and baseburners, we have only to refer to those of our citizens who are already familiar with its use. Now is the time to get to your winter's supply at a little over half price.

EXCELSIOR COKE AND GAS COMPANY,

Corner 5th and Kansas Ave.

WHEELS TO RENT BY HOUR AND DAY.	IMPERIAL, ALUMINUM, WAVERLY, LOVELL, DIAMOND.	Bicycles, Sandries, And Repairs.
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BATMAN & TOWNSEND, 120 E. 8th St. OPEN EVENINGS.

Men's Fine Shoes
AT
W. M. HORD'S,
527 KANSAS AVENUE.

WILL GIVE \$10 MONTHLY. MEDICAL COLLEGE TO OPEN.

Lee Jones Offers to Contribute for Care of the Poor.

"One thing that the people of Topeka must face sooner or later," said Lee Jones today, "is the condition of the poor. The winter is almost here, and there is no dodging the fact that there will be destitution before us unless we do something to prevent it."

"I cannot move in the matter first because of this suit against me in the district court for selling liquor. People would say I was doing it to secure public sentiment in my behalf. I will do this, however, and stand ready to pledge myself any day. I will sign a contract to pay \$10 a month to the Associated Charities from now until April 1. I am hard up, but I am willing to forego the pleasures of my membership in various societies on that account."

"This is the best plan I can think of and if we start now we can have a fund by winter which will enable us to meet the necessities as they arise. I believe I could go out and get 100 business men to sign such a contract in half a day."

"County Commissioner Williams was talking to me about the condition of the poor in the county a few days ago and he said that a very serious condition of affairs confronted us and that there were people suffering for necessities now who have never known what want was before. There are many who are really suffering for bread. They don't ask for the luxuries but do not even have the necessities. I hope some one will take hold of the matter soon and I am willing to do my share."

MAY CAUSE TROUBLE.

The Bridge Men say the Santa Fe is not Fair With Them.

If the present aspect does not soon change, railroad men say there may yet soon be another strike on the Santa Fe system. If it comes at all it will be instigated by the Brotherhood of Bridge and Building Men of America which claims to be thoroughly organized along entire system and includes every bridge man in the employ of the road. The bridge men say that the road refuses to employ men who are members of good standing in their organization, if they are accused by the road of belonging to the A. R. U. They say the officials do not give a man an opportunity to prove whether or not he is a member of the union.

The men say that the superintendent of that department, F. W. Sayer of this city, has been given that instruction by his superiors.

The national convention of the organization will convene at Little Rock, Ark., Monday and the matter will be laid before the executive committee for action. Several Topeka members of the organization will be present.

Among them are Grand Secretary W. H. Christian, Grand Secretary of Insurance C. M. Robinson, Grand Organizer B. M. Wallace, who is also chairman of the printing committee, and James H. Clark, who is the Topeka delegate.

The session will last most of next week and represents over four thousand men.

LOCAL MENTION.

Judge Z. T. Hazen listened to the argument of some delayed motions in the district court this morning.

W. C. Brutt wishes to state that his cigar store is not the "gambling place" on east Seventh street mentioned in the State Journal several times lately.

Gen. S. B. Bradford says he believes more votes will be cast in the Third ward at the November election, than in the entire Thirty-second judicial district.

Congressman Charles Curtis, County Attorney H. B. Tracey of Pottawatomie county, and the Broken Glee club will be the attractions at a Republican meeting to be held at Rossville next Thursday night.

George E. Daugherty, who has been editor of the Kansas Christian Advocate for two years severed his connection with that paper today. W. T. Randolph the publisher, will have editorial charge of the paper from today.

The Kansas River Baptist association, composed of the churches of Douglas, Osage, Shawnee, Jackson, Jefferson, Wabancee, Pottawatomie and Riley counties, about 25 churches in all, will meet in annual session Tuesday evening with the church at Manhattan. All the churches of this city will be represented.

The remains of George Freeman, the well known colored musician, arrived